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TO: Members of the Interdepartmental Committee and the Far Eastern Advisory Group

FROM: Ensign Frederick G. Kilgour, USNR

SUBJECT: Excerpts from reports of George Lossing Buck in Chungking.

"As a result of my dealings with Dr. J. Lossing Buck in Chengtu, I have re-subscribed to the above publications, Economic Facts.

I was not pleased to find that the subscription price was no less than \$6,000 (Chinese). However, I felt that at present I had no choice in the matter; and I should like to know for certain if you want to continue it for an indefinite period. I understand, upon inquiry, that you have already received quite a few copies. No. 28, of January 1944, has been shipped out to you today.

I am not myself able to appraise the value of this material; and should like to be posted so that in future dealings with Dr. Buck, who is also the employer of our book-buyer in Chengtu, I could know what American opinion thinks of it.

This is the more necessary for me in that in Chengtu itself I found some divergence in personal opinion about Dr. Buck's general qualification and attainments.

There will go forward to you in our current air freight shipment the first issue of "Science Service", published by the International Cultural Service of China. It will be No. 25689. Although it is made up of stencil sheets, it is, I think, properly to be considered a real publication. There are no less than 48 in this first number, -- an interesting example of the technique that is being developed given the impossibility of regular printing. As is stated in a label on the cover, this publication is being edited by the College of Science of the University of Nanking.

The copy that will go forward to you was turned over to me by Mr. J. Hall Paxton, who has now come to join us from Teheran; although I understand that he is an old China-hand. Mr. Paxton, who incidentally has been to the University of Cambridge in England, will now spend all his time in dealing with Cultural Relations. Mechanically this is a great improvement on our previous links with the Embassy, when the Secretary in charge was able to give only part of his time and attention to these matters.

Mr. Paxton has been kind enough to tell me that he has made arrangements for me to receive one copy of "Science Service" direct as future ones come out. I on my part shall be happy to receive answers to two questions in our minds:

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- (1) Do you by any chance want to interpret the word publication so literally that you are not interested in this and similar mimeographed productions?
- (2) Could we receive from you some idea as to where an article like this circulates?

"Industrial Chemistry" (Articles Selected from Microfilm); Volume 1,  
Nos. 1 and 2. September and October 1943

In the current air freight shipment, you will find the above two items numbered 25702. These I have also secured through the kindness of Mr. J. Hall Paxton. The cover defines these two numbers of "Industrial Chemistry" as follows:

No. 25702: Industrial Chemistry  
(Articles Selected from Microfilm)

Selected and Published by Chung Hua  
Chemical Research Laboratory

with the cooperation of University of  
Nanking, College of Science

Tien Yuan Electro-chemical Works

Tien Chu Ve-tsin Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

Chungking.

These constitute, for us, another example of what one might perhaps call "informal publications".

Here again, as the sub-title indicates, you can see the results of our microfilm program in action; and a glance at how this has been done ought to be of no little interest to you.

We do not intend to send you "industrial Chemistry" regularly, although if you think that — in spite of the fact that its materials are only a Chinese reflection of what has originally come to us — some of your subscribers would like it, we shall be happy to have it included on our own lists.

In our next shipment, there will go forward to you the following items:

No. 0750: Anti-imperialism front.  
Fan ti chan hsien  
Vol. II, No. 1; Mar. 15, 1937  
Vol. II, No. 8; Dec. 15, 1939  
Vol. II, Nos. 10 & 11 combined; Aug. 1, 1939  
Vol. II, No. 12; Sept. 18, 1939

0542: New Sinkiang.  
Hsin Sinkiang  
Vol. II, No. 1; Oct. 16, 1943

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1774: Young people's anti-imperialism front.  
Ch'ing nien fan ti chan hsien  
No. 2; No date

These came to us through the courteous cooperation of Mr. Horace H. Smith, American Consul at Tihwa. To give you an idea of what is in them, I am enclosing several sheets of analysis made by our Mr. Lin.

I am following this question of publications from the North and Northwest with no little interest. It must be realized at the outset that the amount of printing there is comparatively slight and that much important information does not flow through such channels as the above periodicals.

In this connection, however, I should like to tell you that there came to my office today a Mr. Lo Mei-huan, of the Ministry of Education. Mr. Lo is in charge of that office of the Ministry concerning itself with educational problems in Mongolia and Tibet, a most colorful post, and one that has fallen to him (as I understand from Mrs. Lee who has known him quite well for some time), because of his personal experience and residence there. In part Mr. Lo may have come to see us because he himself would like any materials that we had to share on these two regions. I, on my part, am also hoping that an occasional item may come in through him.

Here, precisely as in every normal case, we should like to establish and maintain a healthy relation by keeping the giving and receiving roughly equalized. I do not suppose that you have stores of material on Tibet or Mongolia (like bottled jams on a shelf) ready to send us. If something in the way of new publications comes under the quick eye of Dorothy Koda-dek, however, please beg her to pluck it off for me and send it along.

Yesterday Colonel DePass brought us in the following:

No. 1062: Japanese chit-book  
Cho-shin bo  
by Japanese 739 Division

1063: Diamond  
Diamondo  
Edited by  
Published by  
in Tokyo  
Vol. 31, No. 13, May 1, 1943

1064: Economic Situation in this country  
Hompo Zaikai Josei  
Edited by  
Published by  
in Tokyo  
No. 177, May 21, 1943

We specifically asked Colonel DePass whether it should be considered as "Secret"; and he did not feel that any special administrative precaution needed to be taken. Handle it, therefore, as in your judgement seems simplest.

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Items 1063 and 1064 were not so urgent. We are sending the originals of these to O.W.I. here in Chungking, as requested by Colonel DePass; but the film, also with no specific instruction as to security, will go forward to you by the usual channels.

Two secret items about Japan secured from  
a member of the Ministry of Information

Yesterday through the efforts of our [redacted] we received the following:

Nos. A891 Ti-ch'ing Ts'an-k'ao tzu-liao;  
A892 Two undated and unnumbered issues, marked "Secret".  
(Reference Materials Concerning Enemy Conditions)  
Published in Chungking by the Anti-enemy Propaganda Committee of the Ministry of Information.

Since they are very light in weight, I am having them attached to this memorandum. They were brought in by [redacted]  
[redacted]

With these two items we also received a third pamphlet, numbered by us: A893. The half-title of this is identical to the title of the two above. I mention this to avoid confusion. The true title: "Japanese Farmers in the War of Aggression" should therefore be used instead. Since this is also light weight, I am having it sent on to you together with the two above; it is, however, completely open, and no security precautions need be taken.

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